

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Notes

March 18, 2008

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Robert Patten, Jay Ulfelder, Jay Lee, Katherine Kelly, Wolfgang Mergner, Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Dan Turner, Eric Weissman

Members Absent: Sanjay Grover, Greg Castano, Margaret Warner

Staff Present: David Suls, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

2. Approval of Minutes: review and vote on adoption

The minutes from the January 15th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and adopted unanimously.

3. Action Items

Takoma Park Elementary School: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will present plans for the expansion of Takoma Park Elementary School to the Takoma Park Council in April 2008. The City will hold a workshop one week before the presentation to gather input from the community on the plan. After MCPS presents the plans the Council may chose to pass a resolution regarding the plan. The resolution would be discussed in two following Council meetings and include time for additional public comments. Bob suggested that SRC may hold a meeting after the community workshop and before the Council meeting. The Committee reviewed the plans in December and sent a letter to the Council.

Action: Because the Council had not acknowledged the letter as of March 18th, the Committee agreed that Wolfgang would send an email to the Council on behalf of the Committee requesting a follow-up to the items of concern listed in the letter.

4. Discussion / Updates

Outreach: The Committee discussed ideas for outreach over the spring and summer for pedestrian and bicycle safety awareness and encouraging alternatives to driving. David announced a need for volunteers with an upcoming Montgomery County Safe Kids Fair being

organized by multiple groups in the County including Takoma Safe Routes to School and held in Takoma Park. Dan and Sheryl volunteered.

Dan will complete a City Newsletter article on sidewalk overgrowth. Wolfgang will collect information and photos and Eric will edit the article. The article is due to David on April 10th. The Committee talked about tabling at various festivals this year such as the Jazz Festival in June 15th, Folk Festival on September 14th, and the Street Festival on October 18th. Jay L., Dan, Wolfgang, Eric, and Sheryl will discuss by email possible safety/promotional items and printed materials that could be used at a festival's SRC table.

Bicycle Wayfinding Signage: The project's subcommittee discussed the progress of the sign schedule for Phase 1. During the meeting the committee talked about prioritizing destinations and consolidating routes in order to reduce the amount of signs needed and make the routes more straightforward.

Jay L. suggested that the Committee ask M-NCPPC to install new signs on Sligo Creek Trail. Jay L. and Katherine will draft a letter to M-NCPPC.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted

David Suls, Associate Planner

Approved

Robert Patten, Chair